Whew! We did it! Summer is over and now we're right back into cooler weather, back to school activities, and our "regular" routines. I hope you all had fantastic summers and if you have any ideas in particular that worked well (or maybe were total disasters) we'd love to hear about them! Please share with the YSS team, or on IAYAYAHUSH Facebook group for inspiration and commiseration. There is a huge wealth of knowledge out there and we fellow librarians are all about sharing—it is caring, after all.

As you scroll down, you'll see we have a lot going on this fall! We're so excited to help organize the Performer's Showcase, we are trying something new with the YSS Zoom Meeting during ILA, and we are looking forward to the announcement of our Bridge to Reading Nominees in the near future!

Thank you for all you do for your communities!
Your work is seen and valued by this group.

Sincerely,
Olivia
A NOTE FROM YOUR ILA LIAISON

“Greetings from Mr. Z: Hello library friends! Wow, another summer reading program has passed and fall programming is starting. I continue to admire all your hard work in supporting the children, teens, and families in your community. The Iowa Library Association Conference Planning meeting will be held in November. This is a wonderful opportunity to brainstorm and submit ideas for the 2020 conference and network with librarians across the state. I’ll be attending and I hope many of you have an opportunity to attend. The date and time will be announced soon. If you are attending this year conference, I look to reconnecting with you or meeting you for the first time.”

CAN’T ATTEND THIS YEAR?

A Note from YSS Chair, Olivia Stoner:
We're considering hosting a Zoom meeting as part of the annual YSS meeting so we can have more members participate. We want your voice to be heard! If you are interested, please provide your contact information and we will send out more information closer to the date.

INTERESTED? SIGN UP HERE!
October 2-4
La Vista Hotel and Conference Center
12520 Westport Parkway
La Vista, Nebraska 68128

SESSIONS OF INTEREST:
I Wanna Read That! Collection Development to Diversify Your Shelves Today
Diversity Work: Exploring Worldviews & Practicing Dialogue
Building Digitally Inclusive School Libraries: Using Assistive & Engaging Technologies
From Loitering Complaints to Young Saints: Helping Shift Community Perception on Teens
Checking Your Work: Creating a Diverse, Patron-Driven Collection
The Culture of Poverty and the Shushing Librarian: Using Compassionate Behavior Management to Bridge the Economic Divide
Outta This Universe: Voices in Summer Reading
IA Youth Services Subdivision Meeting

AND MORE!

LEARN MORE HERE!
The purpose of the Bridge to Reading Picture Book Award is to promote early literacy and reading to children through the introduction of quality picture books nominated by a committee of librarians, teachers, preschool and early literacy leaders. The award book will be chosen based on quality and characteristics of a good "read aloud". The award will engage children in the voting process and develop a lifelong love of books and reading.

2019 Bridge to Reading Winner:

MONSTER'S NEW UNDIES

Illustrated by Tab Carpenter

Thank you to all who participated in voting this year!

A message from Danielle Day:

"You are invited to attend the selection meeting for the Bridge to Reading Picture Book Award. If you would like to be part of choosing the top 10 Nominees for the 2020 Bridge to Reading Picture Book Award — please send me an email. The meeting will be held at the CEDAR RAPIDS PUBLIC LIBRARY @ 10:00 a.m. ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 29. Hope to see you there!"
“The Performer's Showcase is a fun-filled day with a series of around 15-20 performers showing off their talent in hopes they are the right fit for engaging, educating, and entertaining your community next summer (or throughout the year). It's a great chance to check out new acts, block book between your fellow local libraries to get discounts, network with your colleagues, and be entertained for a solid 5 hours. Plus, you'll receive 5.5 CE credits for attending.

This is a FREE event put together by Rick Brammer with your fellow librarians from YSS and this year's host city librarians volunteering their time to make this happen. We will send more details about the venues, lunch options, etc. shortly!”

SHOWCASE TIMES/LOCATIONS:

* Wednesday Sept. 25 @ 9:30 am - 3:30 pm in Carlisle, IA *
* Thursday, Sept. 26 @ 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. in Mason City, IA *
* Friday, Sept. 27 @ 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. in Muscatine, IA *

REGISTER HERE!
CONGRATULATIONS—YOU MADE IT THROUGH ANOTHER YEAR!

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT YEAR?
Consider some new ideas...

Hafuboti: Summer Reading Booklets: The Rebookleting

American Libraries: Summer Reading Reboot

Tiny Tips for Library Fun: The Evolution of an SLP

Read in the Corner: Read & Bead

SUMMER 2020 UPDATES FROM CSLP:
Check out the art preview from prolific illustrator, LeUyen Pham!

Find more previews from the Collaborative Summer Library Program Facebook page!
INTRODUCING “TEENTOBER”

A message from YALSA:

“TeenTober is a new, nationwide celebration hosted by libraries every October and aims to celebrate teens, promote year-round teen services and the innovative ways teen services helps teens learn new skills, and fuel their passions in and outside the library. TeenTober replaces YALSA’s previous Teen Read Week™ and Teen Tech Week™ celebrations, allowing libraries the flexibility to choose what to celebrate (digital literacy, reading, technology, writing, etc.) and the length of time for each celebration.

Library staff are encouraged to utilize this new celebration to advocate for and raise awareness of the importance of year-round teen services in libraries. Digital marketing materials will be available for free download soon.”

(Note: For its first year (2019), the celebration will have a "soft" launch.)

TEENS’ TOP TEN 2019

Voting is open NOW through OCTOBER 15! Get those book displays up and start encouraging your teenaged patrons to vote, vote, vote! Find out more here.
The Cardigan is a one-stop shop monthly newsletter for library staff working with children. Each month, Allie and Katherine highlight new research, books, fun programs, and lots of other tips and tricks related to library services for children. Join our neighborhood!” Subscribe HERE. (And find them on Instagram.)

Anji Play

The first annual True Play Conference took place in Anji County, China this past May. If you want to learn more about how important play is and how we can better encourage play, check out these video highlights posted on Library Makers blog here. If you want to learn more about Anji Play, visit this website. Next year’s True Play conference will take place in Madison, WI.

Did you know that Angie Manfredi, Youth Services Consultant at the State Library of Iowa, offers a free webinar on the last Thursday of every month in which she booktalks new releases for ages 0-18? They are great for discovering diverse and indie titles along with making sure you don’t miss the big releases. Register for the next one (on August 29) here, and view the archived July webinar here.

Jbrary, the famous storytime resource, has been posting a series of themed picture books all summer long. Check out their most recent post here, and see a list of all their themes. Follow them on Instagram to stay up to date and get the chance to help vote for which the next theme for their picture book list series.
DID YOU KNOW?

The Committee for Diversity and Inclusion sends out monthly Resource Roundups “containing links of interest related to topics of diversity, equity, inclusion, and social justice.” If you are not part of the Iowa Library Association Members mailing list and have not been receiving these emails, you can find their backlog here. Check out some highlights below:

Racial Equity Tools: Individual Transformation

Teaching Tolerance: What’s My Complicity?

Medium: Dear (Cis) People... (re: gender pronouns)

A Mighty Girl: Free Posters Celebrating Women in STEM

Teaching Tolerance: You and White Supremacy: A Challenge to Educators

School Library Journal: Can Diverse Books Save Us?

National Coalition Against Censorship: Defend LGBTQ Stories

Iowa Public Radio: Examining Classic Literature Through a Critical Lens

Crazy Quilt Edi: Indigenous & People of Color Book Reviews

Stay up to date on social justice issues impacting our field by subscribing to their feed.
What recent programs have you planned/performed that make you really proud?

* What books have you read recently that you want to share with absolutely everyone you meet?

* What new resource has been a game-changer?

* What problems have you encountered that could be solved with some advice from your colleagues?

* What praise or shout-outs do you want to give to your hardworking coworkers?

* What would YOU like to share with your network of fellow youth services librarians?

We want to hear from YOU!

Send an email to the YSS Newsletter Editor or make a post on the LaYaYa Hush Facebook group.
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